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SUBJECT: LOS CONFERENCE SESSION IN NEW YORK

REF STATE 54588

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, JONATHAS NIYUNGEKO, IN BURUNDI MOFA TO CONVEY CONTENTS PARA 4 AND 6-D REFTEL. DIRECTOR SAID THAT MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK MISSION TO THE UN ARE REPRESENTING BURUNDI AT THE LOS CONFERENCE AND, WHILE NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE, HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY NOT SEND VALERE BIZIMANA, A LAWYER FROM HIS DEPARTMENT WHO REPRESENTED BURUNDI AT LOS CONFERENCES IN CARACAS AND GENEVA.

2. NIYUNGEKO STATED, AS EXPECTED FOR A LAND-LOCKED COUNTRY,  
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THAT BURUNDI'S PRIMARY INTEREST AT CONFERENCE WAS IN OBTAINING

RECOGNITION OF ITS TRANSIT RIGHTS TO THE SEA AND A SHARE OF ECONOMIC ZONE RESOURCES. BURUNDI, HE SAID, WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE BLOC OF LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES TO OBTAIN THEM( HE FELT THAT TANZANIA, ON WHOM BURUNDI DEPENDS FOR ITS ACCESS TO SEA, WAS NOW WILLING TO TAKE A MORE FLEXIBLE POSITION THAN LAST YEAR REGARDING RECOGNITION OF RIGHT OF FREE ACCESS TO AND FROM SEA. DAR HAD MODIFIED ITS STAND BECAUSE TANZANIA SAW IMPORTANCE OF ITS POSITION TO ITS OVERALL RELATIONS NOT ONLY WITH BURUNDI BUT ALSO WITH RWANDA, ZAMBIA AND ZAIRE (WHOSE EASTERN REGION DEPENDS ON DAR SUPPLY ROUTE).

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY WOULD NOT EXPECT BURUNDI TO TAKE ANY PARTICULAR LEADERSHIP ROLE IN BLOC OF LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES, BUT IT WILL GENERALLY BE UNYIELDING SUPPORTER OF CONSENSUS POSITIONS TAKEN BY IT, AND WILL PROBABLY NOT BE INCLINED TO COMPROMISE SINCE MARITIME ACCESS RIGHTS ARE ITS ONLY INTEREST. BURUNDI'S NEW FOUND CONFIDENCE IN TANZANIAN COOPERATION ON THIS MATTER MAY FLOW FROM THE RECENT WARMING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND THE EXCHANGE OF TOP LEVEL VISITS.  
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